IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

NATALIE NUTTALL, individually and for the minor children KYNADEE NUTTALL, KYNZLEE NUTTALL,

Plaintiff,

v. CIV 08-839 MV/LAM

CITY OF CLOVIS, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S PROPOSED FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDED DISPOSITION AND GRANTING STIPULATED MOTION FOR DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AND REQUEST FOR FAIRNESS HEARING (Doc. 11)

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Magistrate Judge Lourdes A. Martínez' Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition (*Doc. 23*) (hereinafter, "PF&RD"), filed on April 7, 2009. The parties to this case have waived their right to file objections to the PF&RD pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). *See Clerk's Minutes* (*Doc. 22*). Also before the Court is the parties' Stipulated Motion for Dismissal With Prejudice and Request for Fairness Hearing (*Doc. 11*), filed on January 5, 2009, to which the PF&RD relates. The Court has reviewed the PF&RD, the parties' stipulated motion for dismissal, the record of this case and relevant law, and has determined that it will adopt the PF&RD; grant the parties' stipulated motion for dismissal; approve as fair and reasonable the fees and expenses of Gabrielle Valdez, Esq., in the total amount of \$1,615.97, for her services as guardian *ad litem* in this case; and order Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, to each pay one-half of the guardian *ad litem's* fees and expenses as set forth herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The Proposed Findings and Recommended Disposition (*Doc. 23*) are **ADOPTED** by the Court;
- 2. The parties' Stipulated Motion for Dismissal With Prejudice and Request for Fairness Hearing (*Doc. 11*) is **GRANTED**;¹
- 3. The guardian *ad litem's* fees and expenses in the total amount of \$1,615.97 described in her Supplemental Guardian Ad Litem Report (*Doc. 21*) are **APPROVED** as fair and reasonable, and Plaintiff and Defendants, respectively, shall each pay one-half of such fees and expenses to Gabrielle Valdez within thirty (30) days after entry of this Order; and
- 4. Upon entry of this Order, Gabrielle Valdez' appointment as guardian *ad litem* in this case shall cease and she shall have no further or continuing duties to the Court or the parties pursuant to such appointment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a final judgment will be entered concurrently with this Order in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 58.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

MARTHA V*AZ*QUEZ –) CHIEF UNIZED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹The Magistrate Judge held a fairness hearing on April 6, 2009, in connection with the parties' Stipulated Motion for Dismissal With Prejudice and Request for Fairness Hearing (*Doc. 11*). Because the Court is adopting the Magistrate Judge's PF&RD, another fairness hearing is unnecessary.